

Central Intelligence Agency



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Dear Neal:

I'll enclose a draft of the letter that the Agency proposes to send to the retired CIA officers your historians wish to interview. Since the matter is outside my competence, I had no part in drafting it, but I hope that it will clear the way for the cooperation your historians need. If you have any questions about it, I would suggest that you call the Information Review Officer noted in the final paragraph,

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I would be grateful if you could let me know whether this letter will meet your office's needs.

Sincerely,

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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Dept. of State Interview of CIA employees re Vietnam

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This is a draft of the letter to former Agency employees not under cover. Per your telecon with Mr. [] please call me and let me know if you agree with this text.



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Dear Mr. [redacted]

The Office of the Historian of the Department of State currently is engaged in the preparation of the official record of the diplomacy of the Vietnam War for publication in the Department of State's documentary series Foreign Relations of the United States. The present focus is on the 1961-1963 period. In connection with that project, the Office of the Historian is planning to interview a number of former CIA employees who had served in Vietnam in order to fill in possible gaps in the official documentation. In addition to the interview, the Office also would be interested in any personal papers that might relate to the individual's duties in Vietnam.

Your name was submitted to the Agency as one of the persons of interest to the Department of State for an interview. The interview will be conducted sometime in early 1984 by official historians and other personnel of the Office of the Historian who hold Top Secret and other appropriate security clearances. Prior to the publication of each Foreign Relations volume it will undergo a full clearance and declassification procedure which includes its review and approval by CIA of any information relating to the Agency's activities

Should you be contacted by the Office of the Historian, I would ask that you give them your full cooperation. Although I am sure that you understand that your pledge of secrecy remains effective regarding Agency operations, you should feel free to discuss any matter in that time period that would not reveal specific Agency activities. Should you have any questions whether or not you may discuss a particular topic or disclose particular information, I would ask that you contact the Directorate of Operations Information Review Officer, [redacted] for further guidance at [redacted]

Sincerely,

Charles A. Briggs
Executive DirectorSTAT
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